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On the Cover: The State FFA Officers gather for a bit of business (and pleasure) at the National Leadership Conference at Atlantic Beach, NC. (Front Row/L-R): Henry Poole, Patrick Stone, Wendell Bruner (Back Row/L-R) Jennifer Evans, Thomas Dismukes, Kim Reason

Notes from the Executive Secretary

To FFA Members

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

Excitement filled the air at the Sixty-Fifth State FFA Convention held at Clemson University June 10-12. Congratulations to the FFA members and advisors who were recognized for their accomplishments. You will see a number of the nearly 400 FFA members who attended the Convention in this issue of the magazine.

The newly elected State FFA Officers would like to be invited to your chapter during the year. They have been busy since their election improving their leadership skills so that they can serve you. Call on them throughout the year to help get your members motivated and to help build a stronger FFA organization.

The National FFA Convention, the largest youth convention in America, will be held in Kansas City November 11-14. Plans are currently underway to have two options for travel—airline and bus. A letter detailing travel arrangements and housing costs will be sent to all FFA advisors by early September. Please follow the instructions and adhere to deadlines as requested. We are looking forward to having another great National FFA Convention with motivational speakers, the National Career show, and recognition of contest and Award winners. A limited number of rooms have been reserved for our South Carolina delegation, and commitments must be finalized by September 30. We hope you can set your goal to attend the National FFA Convention.

To Young Farmers

By Steve Willis, Executive Secretary

The Britton's Neck Young Farmer Chapter will host the Summer Tour in Marion, SC. This year's tour promises to be another great one. Jerry Pace and his chapter have done a tremendous job in organizing this tour for your enjoyment. We hope you will be able to attend. The tour stops include many diverse enterprises that you will enjoy, plus sponsored meals by local banks and industries. Members should have already received details on the tour, which include registration information for the hotel and an outline of the tour stops. Please remember how important deadlines are for estimating the meal counts.

Plans are now being made to attend the National Young Farmer Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, December 12-15, 1992. The tours will include the following sites:

- Better Homes and Gardens Test Kitchens
- Waterloo-John Deere and Engine Works
- The National Soil Tilth Lab
- Iowa State University
- Soybean Flake Processing Plant
- Vemeer Manufacturing
- Pella Windows
- Pioneer Hi-Bred International Headquarters

Tours of production facilities too numerous to mention due to space limitations will also be included in this trip. Accommodations will be very nice and at reasonable rates.

Since South Carolina will be courting the Institute with a bid for the 1995 tour, we need some energetic and committed members to help "sell" the state to others! The last time South Carolina Young Farmers hosted the Institute was back in 1975. **Let's make it happen again!** Those interested in attending either as a group or individually should call Mr. J. Earl Frick, Jr. at 253-4025 or Bill Nance at 684-4759 for more information.

Mark your calendars now to attend the State Young Farmer Convention, January 15-17, 1993, at the Radisson/ Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach. We are returning to this fabulous resort hotel at the request of many members. Speakers and entertainment have been lined up in order to ensure a great time for you and your family. You will be receiving more information on this bench mark event soon. If you have not been to a State Convention in several years, this would be an opportune time to get you and your chapter more involved in the activities.

Up Close and Personal With... Patrick Stone, State FFA President

Well, fellow members, I would like to say that as your new State FFA President, I am having an ineffable (big word, huh?) time! Thomas, Jennifer, Kim, Henry, Wendell and I all make up your 1992-93 state officer team. So what have we all been up to as state officers?

Thomas, alias "O.P." (pronounced "opie" meaning opinionated, although he's a rather nice guy), representated the South Carolina FFA in a death defying stunt. While we were in Myrtle Beach, your own state secretary went Bungee Jumping along with 1991-92 state secretary Lee Hayfield (I mean Mayfield), and the National FFA Secretary, Mike Stevenson.

Next, we all went to Atlantic Beach, North Carolina for a regional gathering. Meeting the state officer teams from Georgia, Florida, and North Carolina was fun, but beating them and winning the Southern N.L.C.S.O. volleyball championship was even better! You should be proud. O.k., we should be humble. WE'RE NOT WORTHY!!! (Just kidding.)

Alright, you might be wondering why I'm a little informal. I'll be honest...I just wanted you to know 1) FFA is not just meetings, duties, and contests; 2) Being a state officer is AWESOME (Run for it!); and 3) Your state officer team is the coolest (and yes, I'm bragging again).

If you're one of those people who doesn't like FUN, though, there are other reasons to be active in the FFA. For example, at the end of July, Jennifer (alias "heartbreak" because her brother said she was) and I will be going to Washington, DC. There we will see our Senators Thurmond and Hollings and probably President George Bush.

Myrtle Beach, Atlantic Beach, Washington, and soon Kansas City...The FFA just doesn't quit, does it? Between the travel and meeting new people, I almost forgot about the scholarship we get for being a state officer (hint, hint—**RUN FOR STATE OFFICE! The scholarship has gone up to $1,500!**)

Oh, by the way, did I mention we were geniuses? Just invite us to your chapter and we can not only speak to the members about FFA, but also blow your mind with games such as "power-power" and "bunny-bunny." Invite two of us and we can do "black magic," where we read each other's mind. (Great sales pitch, huh?)

And I hope you make plans for the state convention. Yes, you get to see us in action. But wait...there's more! We're going to try to make this year's convention a lot more fun and exciting—like having a volleyball or basketball contest, or making the annual dance more "superior". Come up with some ideas and write one of us to let us know.

Before I go, I'll introduce you to the rest of the gang. First, there's "Win with Wendell" Wendell (alias "Bond"...that's James "Bond"). And don't forget about good ole Henry (alias "Wilbur"—the name of his allegedly murdered pig). And lastly, there's Kimberly (alias Kim, alias "Cza Cza"). Between her and Jennifer, they've broken half the hearts in South Carolina—not to mention Georgia!

Well, I hope you're a little intrigued, a little baffled, or just a little confused. Invite us to your chapter and we'll be glad to fill you in on all the madness!

Fun, friends, travel and money... I'm looking forward to a great year!!! Hope it's a ditto for you!

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Patrick Stone (alias Curly)

New State Officers Elected in Clemson

Your State FFA Officers for 1992-93: (L-R) Patrick Stone, President; Jennifer Evans, Vice-President; Thomas Dismukes, Secretary; Kim Reason, Treasurer; Henry Poole, Pelion, and Wendel Bruner, Sentinel.

Six students from around the state of South Carolina had a dream realized in June of this year as they were selected by the state nominating committee to become the 1992-1993 State FFA Officers. Eight students were nominated by their teachers and peers for outstanding service to their chapters and then put through a grueling three days of question-and-answer sessions, public speaking opportunities, and general scrutiny at the 65th Annual State Convention.

Emerging victorious as President-Elect when the dust cleared was Clemson University student Patrick Stone of Johnsonville. Jennifer Evans of Abbeville was chosen to serve with Stone as Vice-President. Evans attends North Greenville College.

The Secretary's position was filled for a second year by a student from the Dorman High School Chapter, as Thomas Dismukes took the reins from Lee Mayfield. Dismukes currently attends Spartanburg Technical College. Scholarship recipient and brand-new Clemson Tiger Kim Reason was elected Treasurer after having been nominated by her advisor, Jerry Pace of Britton's Neck.

Francis Marion College can now lay claim to the State FFA Reporter Henry Poole, who is a recent graduate of Pelion High School; and Wendell Bruner of the Hunter-Kinard-Tyler Chapter serves the state in the capacity of Sentinel for the coming school year. Bruner attends Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College.

The new state officers welcome any thoughts or suggestions FFA students may have concerning chapter or state association affairs.

Laurens Young Farmers Invest in the Future

(L-R) Hickory Tavern Young Farmers Carlton Pitts, Stewart Glenn and Rex Bates and pictured with their fund-raising soybean crop.

As an agricultural science teacher at Laurens High School, Stewart Glenn has seen first hand the frustration many students experience when they wish to further their education, but realize they don't have the funds to make that dream come true. As the advisor of the Hickory Tavern Young Farmer Chapter, Glenn has run into another stumbling block—that of coming up with new and inventive projects for the members of his organization to participate in. After dealing with both for many years, however, he may have come up with the perfect solution in a new scholarship program for deserving students in the Laurens area.

He first approached the 39 members of the Hickory Tavern YF Chapter with the idea of raising money through crop production—something they knew and understood well. Glenn then explained that the money raised through their efforts would be used to help a young Laurens area student with his college education, as long as the student agreed to pursue a major in an agriculture-related field. "We started the program because these guys farm for a living anyway, so it was an easy way to get them involved in a community-related project," he said. "It's something that's right down their alley."

Once he received the overwhelming approval from his members, Glenn proceeded to approach local companies, asking for donations in getting the crop project off the ground. The Pioneer Company agreed to donate various types of soybean seeds, while CWS Guana in Clinton provided a low analysis fertilizer at no cost to the Young Farmers. To complete the picture, DuPont, BASF, and Ciba Geigy all donated a variety of chemicals to assist in the soybean crop growth.

All Glenn was missing was the land, which Hickory Tavern Young Farmer Carlton Pitts agreed to rent to the organization at a price that merely covered his costs of the 22 acres. "I think it is great that the Hickory Tavern chapter can be the originator of a program like this," Pitts said enthusiastically. "It's really a good cause since it will allow somebody a chance to go to a school like Clemson or wherever he chooses to continue his education."

Rex Bates, President of the Hickory Tavern Young Farmers, says that the current soybean crop represents just the beginning of what the group hopes will be a long-standing committment to the scholarship project. He explained, "We have planted this soybean crop now and hope to plant oats in the winter to be able to generate income year round for the program."

Clover Student Named State Star in Agribusiness

State Star in Agribusiness Lee Clinton is pictured with his award alongside his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clinton, and Clover FFA Advisor Chris Edge.

No one can say that Lee Clinton hasn't been active in the FFA throughout his high school career. Mini-chapter President, Chapter Secretary, Banquet Committee Chairman, and Junior Member of the National Holstein Convention are just a few of the titles he has held during his four years as an FFA member at Clover High School. He also has been a member of the Clover Parliamentary Procedure team, and has helped in the planning of the Parent-Member Banquet and Fair Booth held at his school.

With all these activities, it's a wonder Clinton had time for any outside activity, much less time for a part-time job. However, he somehow managed to fit it all into his busy schedule; and over four years, Clinton put in over 6,000 hours at the Clinton Dairy, making him a prime candidate for state recognition by the FFA for actual agricultural experience.

Clinton did more than just get recognized for all his hard work, though. This year, at the 65th annual State FFA Convention held in Clemson, Clinton was named the State Star in Agribusiness, the top award given for participation in supervised agricultural employment. In addition to his State Star in Agribusiness Pin and plaque, he also received a cash prize of $300.00. It was just one more honor for the 17-year-old, who had already received the Green Hand FFA Degree, the Chapter FFA Degree, and the State FFA Degree.

Chris Edge, Clover FFA Advisor, strongly recommended Clinton for the award after witnessing his hard work and dedication first hand. Edge says that without a doubt, "Lee met all the requirements for the award. He is certainly deserving of the honor."

Clinton, who received his high school diploma in the spring of this year, plans to continue his education on the collegiate level with a major in business. And with his record of practical experience and perseverance, he is sure to be a success no matter what field he chooses to pursue.

Aiken Student A Real "Star"

George Raborn, III is flanked by his father, George Raborn, Jr. and Aiken FFA Advisor Joe Wilson as he receives the State Star Farmer Award.

Family business isn't always such a bad thing for a teenager to become involved in. Just ask George Raborn, III of Aiken High School, who in January of 1990, entered into business with his grandfather. George Raborn, Sr. agreed to give his grandson ten percent of his watermelon and hay crops, which when planted, stretched over some 135 acres in Aiken County. This arrangement has grown since its inception, and this year the younger Raborn will reap up to 50% of the profits from the business.

Throughout his participation in his grandfather's business, though, other odd jobs have dotted his extensive resume. The 19-year-old also performed landscape and sheet metal work; and as if that wasn't enough, this enterprising student found time to participate in many school activities at Aiken High School.

Raborn has been an active member of the Aiken FFA Chapter for three years, participating in the National FFA Convention, the Washington Conference Program, and the State FFA Convention. He also can list among his accomplishments an award as the District IV Winner in the 1991 State FFA Public Speaking Contest. His greatest honor, though, came at this year's South Carolina FFA Convention, where he received recognition as the State Star Farmer for 1992. Raborn received a cash award of $ 300.00, a commemorative plaque, and he was presented the State Star Farmer Pin from National FFA President Lee Thurber.

Joe Wilson, Aiken FFA Chapter Advisor, says that what sets Raborn apart from his peers is his willingness to work hard and his extraordinary leadership ability. "He has participated in almost all the FFA activities, and has been instrumental in developing certain programs within our organization," Wilson said. "He has certainly been an asset to our chapter."

Kolb Named Agriscience Teacher of the Year

Agriscience Teacher of the Year Jack Kolb and Students visit the pride and joy of the Beaufort-Jasper Vocational Center - THE GOLF COURSE!

For the past three years, Jack Kolb has spent just about every single day on a golf course, although improvements in his game haven't been the focus of his presence there. As an agriscience teacher at the Beaufort/Jasper Career Educational Center, he has been solely responsible for the supervision of construction on the school grounds of a 3-hole, par-3 golf course. Under these links stands a working irrigation system, which draws water from a nearby pond.

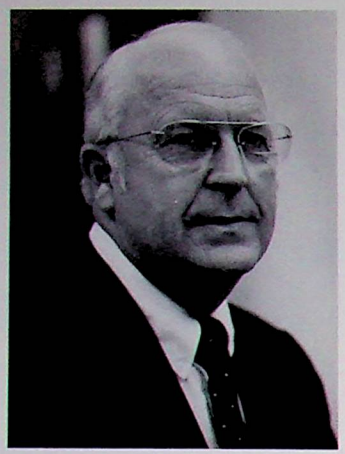
The idea for the golf course was first born in one of Kolb's classes, which are known throughout the area for their creativity and originality. Projects like the golf course have become trademarks of his teaching style and have brought him to the attention of the State Department of Education and his peers, who this year selected him as Agriscience Teacher of the Year for 1991-1992.

Kolb says that the teaching bug is "in his blood", as he gained a first-hand appreciation for the profession from his mother, also an educator. He has been a professor of agriscience for 14 years, 11 of them at the Beaufort/Jasper Career Center.

"Agriscience today is like medicine or law in a way," he laughed. "It has become such a broad field that you find people who specialize in specific areas." Over the years, Kolb has watched the field evolve, in great part, he believes, because of the computer. He also is convinced the agriscience field will continue to grow and hopes it will one day be awarded the status of a true science in high schools. "You can earn a degree in agriscience in college," he explained. "Students conduct experiments and learn information necessary for work in the agriculture business. It is definitely a science."

Kolb "feels very, very honored" to have been chosen as Agriscience Teacher of the Year for the South Carolina Association of FFA and looks forward to the new challenges his subject will present for years to come.

State Commissioner of Agriculture Addresses FFA'ers



D. Leslie Tindal, Commissioner
South Carolina Department of Agriculture

"Let me begin by saying how happy I am to be back in my little corner of heaven on earth—Clemson, South Carolina," said State Commissioner of Agriculture D. Leslie Tindal, as over 470 members of the South Carolina FFA Association welcomed one of their own to its 65th State Convention held in June at Clemson University's Tillman Hall.

In a speech that stressed the many opportunities in agricultural-related sciences, Tindal challenged the students to "use initiative in the future modernization of the agriculture industry." Said the Commissioner, "Farms have become much more efficient and effective. We have the responsibility of teaching and informing the general public of these many changes."

Tindal said that 48,000 employment opportunities and 200 different careers are available in agricultural science every year. "One out of every six jobs in the United States is agriculture-related," he said, adding that farmers are always on the job producing food for their own country as well as those less fortunate. "Thanks to this country's farmers, store shelves have never been empty. If people are hungry, it's because of economics, not lack of food," he stated.

Students were encouraged by the Commissioner to constantly be on the lookout for new and better ways to improve their state and country. In closing, he remarked, "Take what you have learned, expand it, live it, and use it to improve the lives of those around you."

Young Farmers Join Forces

The Oconee-Pickens Federation of Young Farmers can now mark August 3, 1992 as a truly historic day, as advisors Eddie Johnson, Tim Marcengill, Steve Morrison and Steve Willis met on the campus of Clemson University to discuss plans for the coming year. A formal joint meeting of this nature had not been held before in recent memory.

As a result of this meeting, the three Young Farmer chapters plan to meet as a group several times this year. A Federation picnic is planned for April of 1993, and several workshops are planned for the participating schools throughout the coming year to focus on increasing leadership ability and competitiveness at all contests. Furthermore, the election of Federation officers will be held at these meetings, and the group plans to sponsor trips to Kansas City for deserving FFA members.

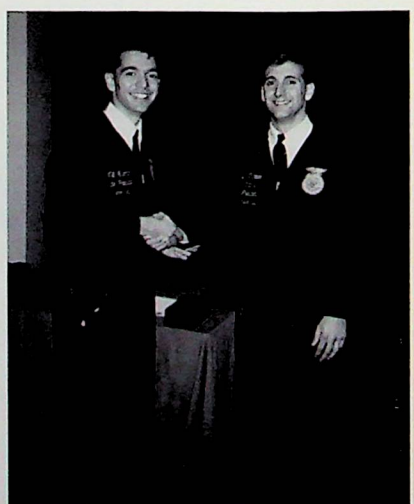
These advisors feel that a more strongly, competitve Federation will result in the years to come as a result of this joint effort.

FFA Members Descend Upon Tigertown

Legendary Johnstone Hall, affectionately (or not so affectionately) known as The Tin Can or The Roach Motel by Clemson University students and grads everywhere, welcomed over 470 FFA members from across the state June 10th through the 12th, as they descended upon Tigertown for three days of fun, fellowship, and formidable competition at the 65th Annual South Carolina FFA Convention. And although most of the convention activities took place in storied Tillman Hall, many of the contests that determined state winners were found at various locales across the campus.

The highlight of the three day conference had to be the appearance of Lee Thurber, the dynamic National FFA President, who brought his energy and incredible speaking ability to the upstate. The Roca, Nebraska native captivated the audience by relating many of his personal experiences and offering this piece of useful advice in relationship to the NBA Championship to those in attendance: "When you are faced with a pressure situation like Michael Jordan sees game in and game out, all you have to do is accept the challenges that are presented to you and learn from your failures. If you can do that, you will be a success."

Other speakers at the conference



Do these two have that "politician's smile" down or what? State President Will Harman and National President Lee Thurber take time out of their busy schedules to pose for the camera at the SC FFA Convention.

Furman-Manchester Advisor Drefus Williams and Chapter President Manolito Sinkler proudly display their BOAC Citation from Governor Carroll Campbell.

included Clemson President Max Lennon, Dr. Nancy Cassidy Dunlap of the State Department of Education, State Agriculture Commissioner Les Tindal, and motivational speaker Jeff Conley of the Zig Zigler Corporation, who spoke on "Leadership for the 21st Century."

Many awards were handed out during the four General Sessions, including Honorary State FFA Degrees and State FFA Degrees to deserving recipients. Dr. J. Alex Hash, retiring professor of agriculture at Clemson, and Walter P. Lloyd, retiring agricultural education associate at the State Department of Education, both received the Outstanding Service Award from the presiding state FFA officers. The two were honored in recognition for their 49 years of collective service to the South Carolina FFA Association.

New state officers were also elected at the convention by the state nomination committee. Chosen to serve during the 1992-1993 school year were Patrick T. Stone of Johnsonville, President; Jennifer Evans of Abbeville, Vice-President; Thomas Dismukes of Dorman, Secretary; Henry Poole of Pelion, Reporter; Wendell Bruner of Hunter-Kinard-Tyler, Sentinel; and Kim Reason of Britton's Neck, Treasurer.

After all the awards were handed out, however, and all the speeches made, it was perhaps the words of retiring State President Will Harman that most appropriately summed up the attitude of the convention, the purpose of involvement in the FFA and the lifetime of memories created by it. "We as members of the FFA are idealists who understand the true definition of tradition," the Clemson student reflected. "Even when material things come and go, our past experiences remain...unforgettable." Nat King Cole couldn't have said it better himself.

Members of the Pelion FFA Chapter and their advisor Frank Stover "chill out" before the parliamentary procedure competition.

Award Winners at the 65th Annual FFA State Convention

Public Speaking Contest:
Brian Benenhaley (Hillcrest-Dalzell)
"Deregulation and Its Potential Impact on Agriculture"

Agricultural Education Scholarship Recipient:
Kimberly Dawn Reason (Britton's Neck)

Computers in Agriculture Award:
Richard Ballentine (Belton-Honea Path)

Parliamentary Procedure Contest:
Britton's Neck (Jerry Pace, Advisor)

National Chapter Safety Awards:
Travelers Rest (Glenn Stevens, Advisor)
Pleasant Hill (Steven McGaha, Advisor)
Furman/Manchester (Drefus Williams, Advisor)

Agriscience Teacher of the Year:
Benjamin J. Kolb (Beaufort/Jasper Career Education Center)

Individual FFA Leadership Awards:
Robert Sigwald (Aiken)
Justin Pruitt (Belton-Honea Path)
Daphne Wise (Pelion)
Kim Reason (Britton's Neck)

Agricultural Electrification Award:
Richard A. Ballentine (Belton-Honea Path)

Cooperative Program Award:
James F. Byrnes (G.P. Jones, Advisor)

FFA Creed Speaking Award:
Dana Buchner (Wagener-Salley)
Lynn Hicks (Lexington ATC)
Brian Hickey (Travelers Rest)

Agricultural Mechanics Award:
Individual - 1st Place/Chad Hutson (Wagener-Salley)
2nd Place/Kay McGirt (Dillon AVC)
3rd Place/Tim Giaffis (Wagener-Salley)

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Wagener-Salley student Dana Buchner proudly displays the spoils of victory from her win in the FFA Creed Speaking Contest

Team - Dillon AVC (J.C. Lewis, Advisor)

Floriculture Award:

Individual - 1st Place/Wes Franklin (Strom Thurmond)

2nd Place/Michael Dorn (Lexington ATC)

3rd Place/Trent Jeffcoat (Lexington ATC)

Team - Lexington ATC (Tommy Harmon, Advisor)

Nursery/Landscape Award:

Individual - 1st Place/Marcus Smith (Lexington ATC)

2nd Place/Charles Greer (Union)

3rd Place/Wes Franklin (Strom Thurmond)

Team - Strom Thurmond (Ken Chapman, Advisor)

Farm Business Management:

Individual - 1st Place/Anthony Skipper (Britton's Neck)

2nd Place/April Richardson (Britton's Neck)

3rd Place/Franklin Richardson (Britton's Neck)

Team - Britton's Neck (Jerry Pace, Advisor)

Agricultural Proficiency Awards:

Agricultural Mechanics - Justin Pruitt (Belton-Honea Path)

Agricultural Processing - James Everett Ferguson, Jr. (Estill)

Agricultural Sales and/or Services - Shannon Hoyt Jordan (Aiken)

Diversified Crop Production - Johnny Mac Gasque, Jr. (Latta)

Diversified Livestock Production - Lee Clinton (Clover)

Floriculture Award - Ashley Dawn Bryant (Lexington ATC)

Home and/or Farmstead Improvement - Jamie Cox (Travelers Rest)

Nursery Operations - Marcus Ray Smith (Lexington ATC)

Placement in Agricultural Production - Philip C. Smith (Edisto)

Soil and Water Management - Thomas J. Bently (Blue Ridge)

Turf and Landscape Management - James T. Dunn (Travelers Rest)

Agricultural Education Forgivable Loan Awards:

Tanya Lynn Hett (Midland Valley)

Tyson Waddell (James F. Byrnes)

Sylvia Ann Love (Blacksburg)

Randall Dean McCraw (Chesnee)

National FFA President Lee Thurber poses with Belton-Honea Path Advisor Harold Mackey and a few of his many award recipients.

These guys from the Lexington Applied Technology Center proudly show off their trophies to advisor Tommy Harmon.

Members of the winning Parliamentary Procedure team from Britton's Neck High School: (L-R): Advisor Jerry Pace, Ryan Gause, Charles Eaddy, Franklin Richardson, Warren Larrimore, and Kim Reason.

Four Retirees Honored at SCVATA

1992 Retirees honored at the SCVATA banquet were (L-R) Olin F. Counts of Ridge Spring-Monetta, J. Alex Hash of Clemson University, and W.P. Lloyd and Hugh P. McClimon of the State Department of Education.

Olin F. Counts of Ridge Spring-Monetta High School is recognized for his many years of dedicated service to agricultural science.

Four of the state's brightest stars in agricultural education were honored at the annual South Carolina Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association convention held July 22 in Clemson. Olin F. Counts, Jr. of Ridge-Spring-Monetta, Clemson's own J. Alex Hash, and longtime Department of Education employees Hugh P. McClimon and W.P. Lloyd were all honored for the many contributions they have made throughout the years to agricultural education in the state.

Olin Francis Counts, Jr. is a native of Springfield, SC and received his degree in Agricultural Education from Clemson University in January of 1961. Shortly thereafter, he accepted a teaching position at Ridge-Spring-Monetta High School in Aiken County, where he has remained for the last 30 years. An active member of his community, Counts has been active in the National Guard, on the Aiken town council, in the South Carolina Jaycees, and in his church. He is a recipient of the Honorary State Farmer Degree and was named State Conservation Teacher of the Year in both 1973 and 1974.

Dr. J. Alex Hash of Clemson University is retiring after 27 years of dedicated service to the upstate school. He is a graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, VA, and holds graduate degrees from Cornell University. Hash leaves Clemson with the rank of full professor and has served as acting head of the Department of Agricultural Education. One of the south's most distinguished educators, Hash has been awarded both the South Carolina Honorary FFA State Farmer Degree and the Honorary FFA American Farmer Degree.

Hugh P. McClimon, a man near and dear to state FFA members past and present, is a Clemson graduate, having earned his degree in Agricultural Education in 1960. An Air Force veteran, McClimon taught at Hartsville High School before returning to his alma mater for a masters degree, also in agricultural education. He accepted a position with the state Department of Education in 1967 and served as Executive Secretary of the Young Farmers for 15 years until becoming State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in 1984. He has served as State Advisor to the Young Farmers, the FFA and SCVATA; has been named to the Board of Directors of the National FFA; and has received many honors, including the Honorary State and American Farmer Degrees.

South Carolina State University graduate W.P. Lloyd retires after 17 years of service to the State Department of Education, where he has been employed as District Consultant of Agricultural Education. Previous to his government experience, he taught Agricultural Science at Ruffin High School in Colleton County. He has been instrumental in the preparation of teaching materials for the state as a member of the Farm Mechanics Writing Team, and even was elected President of the South Carolina Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. Among his numerous activities throughout his career are memberships in the National Association for Supervisors of Agricultural Education, the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, the Selective Service System, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and the NAACP.

"Leadership for a Cherry Grove Welcomes

FFA Chapter Officers from around the state converged on the FFA-owned campsite in Cherry Grove, SC to "find a way to stand above the pack" at the annual FFA Leadership Training Conference June 23rd through the 26th. Over 160 students from 36 chapters attended the four-day event, which stressed various ways for FFA chapters to motivate members and compete for state and national awards.

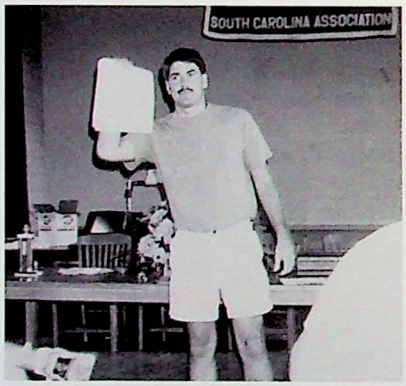
After a day of the three R's—registration, rest and relaxation—the campers were welcomed on Wednesday, the 24th, by Tony Hoyt, a former member of the National FFA Organization. Hoyt encouraged the students to have a positive mindset before beginning any project through the creation of a plan of action and a good mental attitude. He added, "Others can stop you temporarily... only you can stop you permanently."

Former National FFA Officer Marty Coates also addressed the group on Wednesday. A member of the North Carolina Association during his school years and current resident of Florence, Coates delivered a motivational talk on winning strategies and urged students to challenge themselves, become committed to that challenge, and then, "JUST DO IT". (Note: Editorial apologies to Nike and Michael Jordan.)

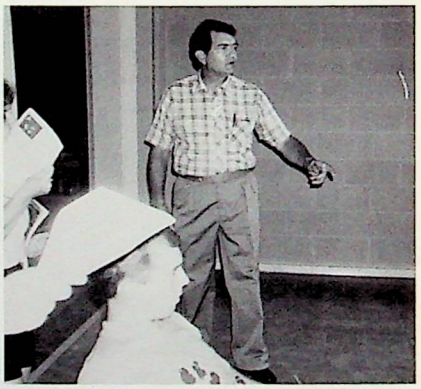
On Thursday, several FFA advisors addressed the campers with thoughts on how their respective chapters received state and national recognition. Steve McGaha of Pleasant Hill High School informed the students that a key to a Chapter Safety Award is to ask the question "How does this improve my surroundings for years to come?" McGaha's chapter has been noted in the past for an annual local rabies clinic. Benjamin Hardee of the Loris FFA Chapter impressed upon the conference attendees the importance of holding a community event that

"Mr. Enthusiasm" himself, Kirby Player, tells the chapter officers of the educational opportunities Clemson University has to offer.

National FFA Secretary Mike Stevenson urges students to "make a difference today" in their chapters.



Steve McGaha of the Pleasant Hill Chapter presents some new ideas for Chapter Safety Awards.



State FFA Advisor J. Earl Frick, Jr. directs all the action at the camp...literally!

The new FFA state officers, with the help of a few unsuspecting volunteers, present Thursday's Eye Opener, "A Day in the Life of an FFA Camper".

Growing Planet"
1992-1993 FFA Officers

National FFA Secretary Mike Stevenson solicits money for donations to the "Officer Bungee Jumping Fund"... Not! (Actually, Stevenson did receive some offers if Will Harman and Lee Mayfield would jump from the area's bungee crane. However, we're still not really sure if the prospective donors meant with or without a cord!)

meets the standards for the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Program. The Loris Chapter won a trip to Kansas City for its sponsorship of the area's "Swampfest." Finally, Clover advisor Chris Edge conducted a workshop to encourage state FFA chapters to meet the qualifications for recognition as a state superior chapter.

Following in the advisors' footsteps was that famous *(or is that **infamous?**)* speaker from Tigertown, Kirby Player, who on most days is the Coordinator of Student Services for the Department of Agriculture at Clemson University. Player, who is **always** "supercharged with enthusiasm," offered information on the 17 different degrees offered by Clemson in agriculture and urged the campers to further their education with the ever-enticing thought, "The more education you have, the more potential you have to ***earn*** money in your later years."

The loudest applause of the day, however, was saved for that bungee-jumping maniac, National FFA Secretary Mike Stevenson, who gave the keynote address concerning the Duties and Responsibilities of Chapter Officers. Stevenson, a 19-year-old student at Montana State University, worked the crowd with Johnny Carson-esque ease with his many jokes, stories, and motivational games. The Hobson, Montana native stressed the importance of the here and now on chapter survival, as well. "You have a short time to make a difference in your chapter," he said, adding, "what you do today determines where your chapter will be ten years from now."

And while all the speakers gave new and interesting ideas for the officers to take home to their individual chapters, the afternoon and evening festivities reigned supreme at the camp, as they were able to enjoy free time at the beach and Myrtle Beach's famed Pavilion. The on-site volleyball and tennis courts, the pool, and the canteen were also popular spots to hang out before and after cafeteria meals. Another highlight of the four days was the feeding frenzy that came about as a result of a down-home barbecue held for all attendees, advisors and guests. A mock parent-member banquet was also given during the week to give students an idea of the planning that is involved in holding such an event at their schools.

Former South Carolina Association President Will Harman, who returned to the camp as a counselor, said the camp was a great summer getaway in itself, but that it served a valuable purpose as well. "Of course, everyone likes to come here for the beach," he said, "but whether the officers realize it or not, the great advantage of the camp comes in having a chance to get to know each other and come up with ideas that every chapter can use throughout the year. It really is a great motivational experience."

MARTY COATES' THOUGHTS ON WINNERS

Winners...

...believe in themselves and their goals.
...maintain good character.
...never stop learning.
...prepare to win.
...maintain a positive mental attitude.
...always bounce back.
...always find a way to make a difference.
...find a way to stand above the pack.
...take action.
...make it happen.

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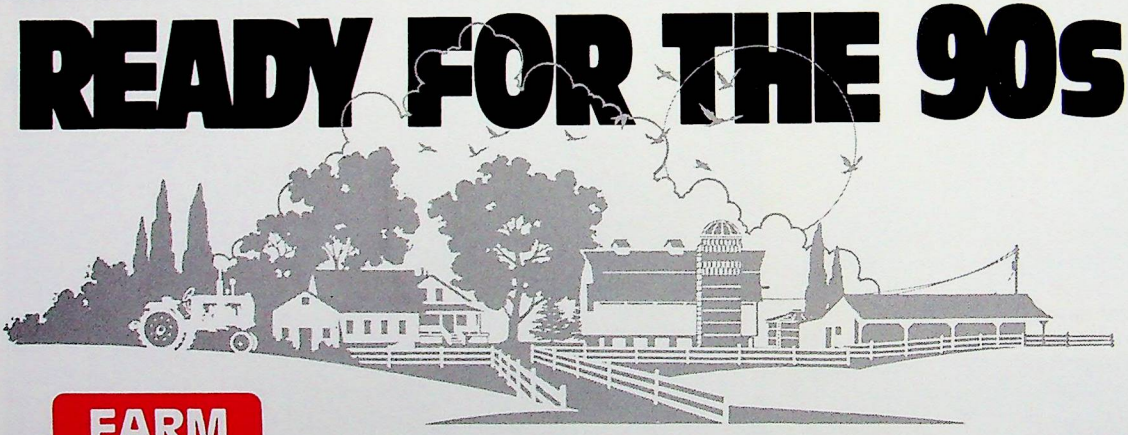

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